Report of the Stated Clerk

Motions for the February 10, 2024, Stated Meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery

Proposed MVP Bylaws Amendment for approval (see attached document)

Proposed Overture For Ga – Presentation by Nahida Gordon (see attached document)

Preliminary Report from the Administrative Commission at Reedurban PC (see attached document)

Presbytery Meeting Calendar for 2024

Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. via Zoom

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Zanesville

Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at Christ Presbyterian Church, Canton

We still need a church to host the September meeting, so please let us know if you have any questions on hosting a meeting in 2024.

Installation Commission

On January 7, 2024, a small Commission from MVP which included GP, Rev. Matt Skolnik, Moderator, Rev. Li Dong, Stated Clerk, Alison Blondheim, and Rev. Dennis Allison (HR) went to Cambridge Presbyterian Church to install Rev. Jeffrey Bergeson as the Pastor of Cambridge Presbyterian Church. Cambridge Presbyterian Church came about last summer when First Presbyterian Church and Unity Presbyterian Church merged to become Cambridge Presbyterian Church and chose Rev. Bergeson to become their Pastor. He had been the installed Pastor at Unity Presbyterian Church.

Session Minutes Review

We will again hold Session Minutes Review sessions for 2023 Session Minutes. These will not be scheduled until later in the summer of 2024. I will need a couple of churches willing to host for us, preferably one church in the northern part of the Presbytery and one in the southern half.

General Assembly 2024 - Salt Lake City, UT - June 29 - July 4, 2024

MVP Mission Council approved the nomination of Tara Mitchell, CRE as the Ruling Elder Commissioner for General Assembly 2024 in December since we didn't have a nomination at the time of the December MVP Stated Meeting. Rev. Deborah Bowsher was approved as the Teaching Elder Commissioner at the December MVP Stated Meeting.

Statistics for 2023

The deadline for entering your church's statistical information for 2023 to be inputted on the Office of General Assembly website is February 15, 2024. You will go to https://oga.pcusa.org/section/churchwide-ministries/stats/statistical-reporting-faq/

Please let Stated Clerk, Alison Blondheim, if you need assistance with any of it. She can provide your User ID and Password. It is important that these be completed each year. After 2/15/2024, you will need to provide Alison with your statistics so that they can be input.

Boundaries Training

Synod of the Covenant through Leaderwise will offer four Zoom opportunities of Introduction to Boundaries Training for up to 40 participants each in 2024. (This includes training on sexual misconduct but NOT Childhood Sexual Abuse Prevention training.). Here are the dates:

- Tuesday and Wednesday April 9 and 10, 1:30 to 4:30 pm
- Saturday September 28, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
- Tuesday and Wednesday October 15 and 16, 6:00 to 9:00 pm
- Thursday November 7 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

If you didn't take Boundaries Training in 2023, you will need to take it in 2024.

Board of Pensions Conference

There will be a 3-day Board of Pensions Conference to be held in Philadelphia on April 30 – May 1, 2024 to discuss the changes to the Board of Pension Plans for Teaching Elders and others who are part of the BOP plan. We will update with the changes as we learn about them. We hope to have someone from MVP attending the conference, possibly Stated Clerk, Alison Blondheim and COM Chair, Rev. Mark Unrue.